



REVISED DAM DEFINITION

EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2006

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WORDS THAT ARE STRIKEN OUT HAVE BEEN DELETED**

Dam; Certain Storm Water Detention Basins Exempted. Amend RSA 482:2, II to read as follows:

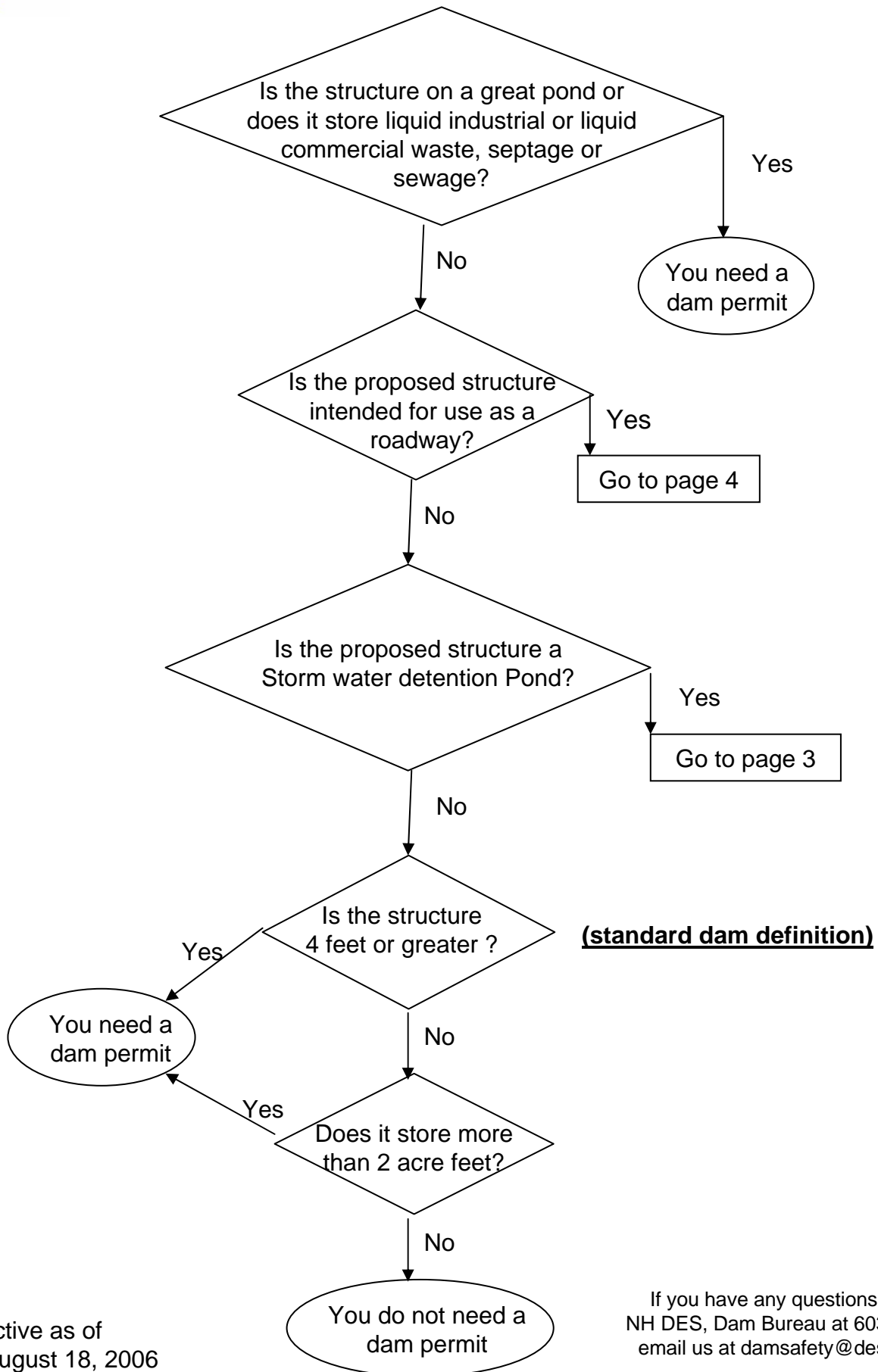
II.**(a)** "Dam" means any artificial barrier, including appurtenant works, which impounds or diverts water, and which has a height of 4 feet or more, or a storage capacity of 2 acre-feet or more, or is located at the outlet of a great pond. A roadway culvert shall not be considered a dam if its invert is at the natural bed of the water course, it has adequate discharge capacity, and it does not impound water under normal circumstances. Artificial barriers which create surface impoundments for liquid industrial or liquid commercial wastes, **septage**, or ~~[municipal]~~ sewage, regardless of height or storage capacity, shall be considered dams.

(b) An artificial barrier at a storm water detention basin, which impounds 0.5 acre-foot or less of water during normal conditions, shall not be considered a dam unless its height is 10 feet or greater or its maximum storage is 6 acre-feet or greater.

Attached is a flow chart to assist in determining if a dam application is required.

If you have any questions please call NH DES, Dam Bureau at 603-271-3406 or email us at damsafety@des.state.nh.us

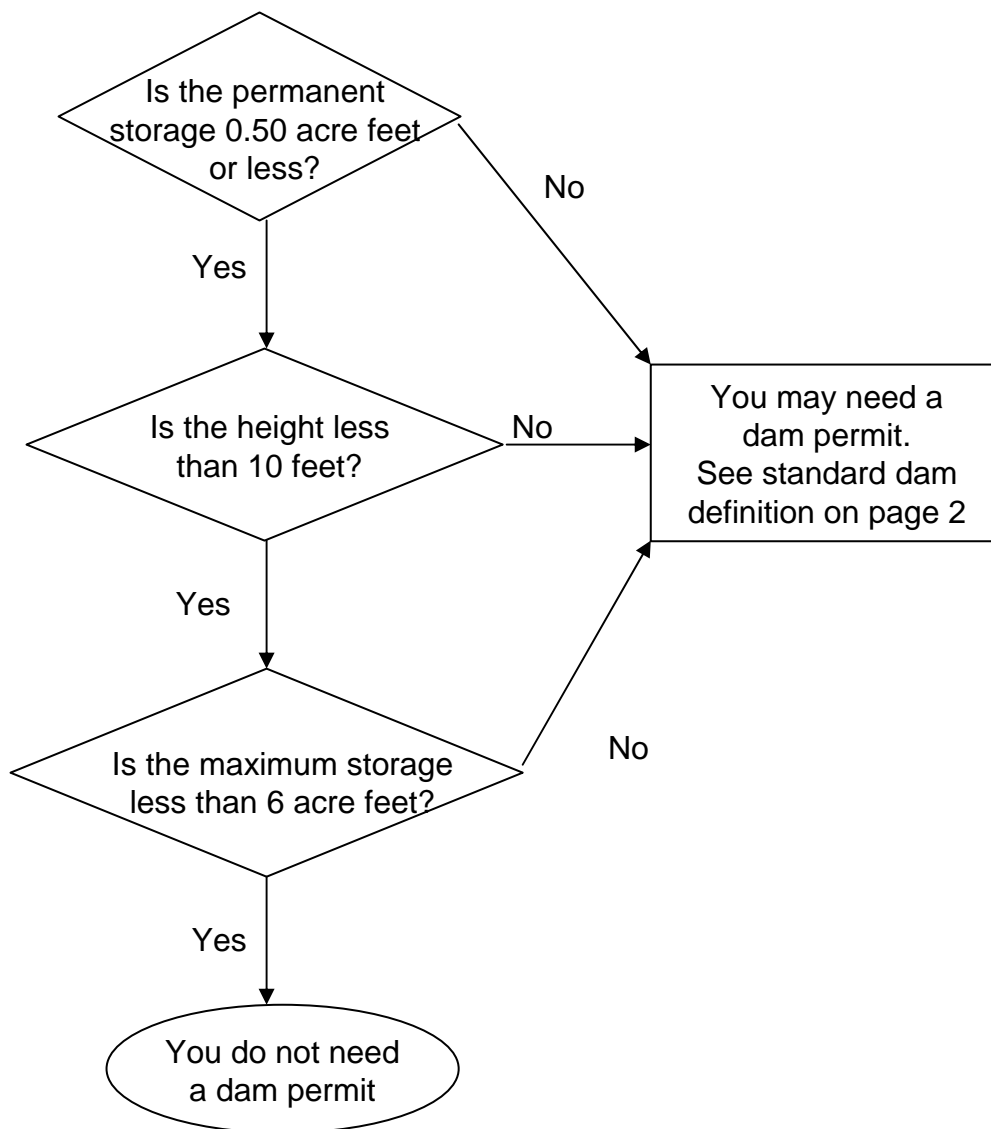
Do you need a dam permit ?



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Is your Storm Water Detention Pond a dam?



Is your Roadway culvert a dam?

